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In re Application of  
William John Curatolo, et al.  
Application No. 09/380,885  
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Attorney Docket No. PC9824AJTJ

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 27, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed September 13, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three(3) months extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 14, 2002.

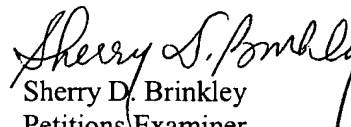
A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed March 14, 2002, was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. The amendment filed February 27, 2003 is being construed as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 for the RCE filed March 14, 2002.

Receipt is acknowledged the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed with the instant petition on February 27, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry D. Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1617 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, filed on March 14, 2002.

  
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